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PROGRESS REPORT OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA, ORR

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1957

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF, GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

A. Accomplishments and Coordination Activities

1. Normal progress was made by the components of the Geographic Area in fulfilling production schedules for reports and maps and in giving support and services. In addition to this, each of the components has taken significant steps to re-examine the preparation of monthly reports, the preparation and handling of requirements, and various management practices related to everyday procedures and activities. The Management Survey of the Map Library Division was completed and the recommendations of the Management Team were discussed in detail in two lengthy meetings attended by the Management Team, Chief, D/GL, Deputy Chief, St/A, and Chief/G, as well as representatives of various Map Library Division functions being discussed. The details of the recommendations and the evaluation of them by responsible officials are being made a matter for the record.

2. The Cartography Division completed 34 maps and charts, of which 4 were for the Department of State. Requests accepted numbered 53 -- 48 for CIA, 2 for the Department of State, 2 for the Air Force, and 1 for the NSC. Two noteworthy projects completed during the month were: (a) a series of four maps on the Middle East Order of Battle Situation completed on a crash basis for a special NIE; and (b) a map on the Soviet Bloc Airlines to the Free World for the Randall Committee Report. The Special Support Branch completed 39 new maps and charts, in addition to 1 revision; also, 2 reruns were requested and completed.

3. The Map Library Division received 3,539 maps and 582 related publications from foreign sources. Of these, 36% were retained in CIA, 33% sent to AMS, 17% to the Library of Congress, 8% to the Department of the Interior, 3% to ACIC and 2% to NSA. Items of special interest included 1957 Russian administrative maps, new maps for 20 oblasts, and photographic copies of 63 USSR hydrographic charts. A total of 32,182 sheets were disseminated in answer to 1,075 requests. Outgoing communications totalled 181, of which 144 related to foreign procurement and 37 to domestic correspondence.

4. The Photo Intelligence Division completed a total of 47 reports, memoranda, and miscellaneous types of working papers, the bulk of which (45 in number) were in support of DCI project [REDACTED]. The other

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The Division is continuing its investigation of new and modified instruments for the exploitation of photographic materials.

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5. The Geography Division completed one Geographic Intelligence Report [REDACTED] one NIS section (Section 19, Chapter 1, on Rumania); ten memoranda in the G/E and G/I series; and two support jobs in the G/S series. A timely article was developed for the Current Intelligence Weekly entitled, Soviets Announce Post-IGY Program for Antarctic. This was found to be especially useful by the OCB Executive, in view of current formulation of the US Post-164 planning.

6. A memorandum from the Director of Foreign Intelligence, ACSI, to the DCI generated the need for a meeting to consider ways and means of procurement of the Soviet 1:100,000 topographic map series and pertinent geodetic data. All personnel having a relationship to the problem of ways and means of obtaining the maps and data met on 16 September and collectively shared information leading to a better understanding of the nature of the problem, and thus to the character of the effort which would be required for collection.

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7. Chief/G attended the 11 September meeting of the NRC Advisory Committee to the US Member of the Geography Commission of PAIGH.

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8. [REDACTED] Special Assistant to Chief/G, departed to activate a newly authorized [REDACTED] there.

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9. Chief/G welcomed several Area personnel into the Career Service during the month. Also, Chief/G presented Messrs. [REDACTED] Geography Division with cash awards on behalf of the Incentive Awards Committee for employee suggestions made by them.

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10. [REDACTED] visited the Cartography Division to talk over problems regarding the Contract work [REDACTED] is doing for the Agency on a Map Series on Asia and its Fringing Islands.

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11. Messrs. [REDACTED] of the Geography Division attended the 11th General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Cartography in Toronto from 3 to 14 September. Attendance at these meetings is considered very beneficial, as it provided opportunity for contact with outstanding European geodesists.

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12. The Photo Intelligence Division reports that a joint operational working group -- composed of Army, Navy and CIA representatives -- was organized to consider items of mutual interest in technical developments; it is felt that coordination achieved through this group will be of considerable mutual benefit. Also during the month, the Division has set up an intra-divisional 'Research and Development Board', to study new equipment and procedures which may be of value to the Division. This Board consists of a member from each of the Branches and one from the Division Office, and is chaired by LCDR Neasham.

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13. On invitation from the National Science Foundation [redacted] participated in a meeting to examine proposals and means to develop a sound but austere program for US Post-IGY operations in the Antarctic by the substitution of civilians for U.S. Navy personnel at continental stations. [redacted] also participated in the briefing of the Electronic Testing Unit prior to its departure to the Antarctic. Particular stress was laid on the desirability of securing photo coverage of unexplored areas in the Unclaimed Sector to forestall Soviet acquisition of distinction for such exploration planned to occur in September 1958. [redacted] of D/GG attended a meeting of the Technical Group on Antarctica called to review one of the chapters of the "White Paper" on American activity in Antarctica being prepared by Dr. Kenneth Bertrand.

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14. [redacted] of the Photo Intelligence Division visited the headquarters of the [redacted] in Omaha, Nebraska, to participate in an R&D briefing. Messrs. [redacted]

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[redacted] of D/GP completed the eleven-week Navy Photographic Intelligence Course at the Naval Photographic Intelligence Center. The Photo Intelligence Division will complete the presentation of the first Geographic Photographic Interpretation Course on 1 October and the second Basic Photographic Interpretation Course is scheduled to begin on 8 October.

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15. Further word was received during the month from [redacted] who was injured while on a field trip in Hokkaido before the IGY Regional Conference in Tokyo. He was returned to the United States on 3 September and was hospitalized for surgery in Glendale, California, where he is presently convalescing. It is anticipated that he may be able to return to duty in GG/F about mid-November.

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